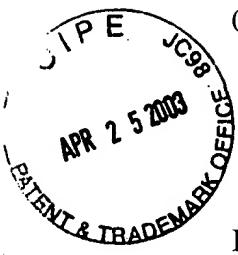


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance, dated April 2, 2003, due to be paid on July 2, 2003 in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee has not yet been paid. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The document was recently cited in the enclosed Official Action, which is dated March 28, 2003, in a Korean

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counterpart of the application. A photocopy of the cited document and the Official Action also are enclosed.

STATEMENT

Each of the listed documents was recently cited in an Official Action of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. The Official Action was mailed on March 28, 2003. It is hereby stated that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from any foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof.

FEE

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for filing this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

REMARKS

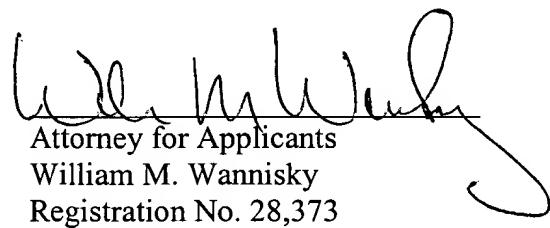
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited documents, and initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

If there is any reason precluding consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below listed address.

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